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1. In April 1955, the Central Committee of the SED issued an internal decree ordering the preparation of a paper entitled "Document for Improving Research and Development Work in the DDR". Two functionaries of the Central Committee, Rechtenbach (fnu) and Dr. Horst Peschel, were appointed as the persons responsible for carrying out the project. Both of these men work in the Department for Machine Construction in the Central Committee. The Central Committee further appointed two special plenipotentiaries from the Ministry for General Machine Construction to assist in the project. They are Karl Kunze, the technical chief of the Main Administration for Precision Mechanics and Optics in this Ministry, and Franke (fnu), deputy production chief of Main Administration RFT. 25X1

2. In connection with this project, the Central Committee ordered the establishment of a Directing Collective (Leitkollektiv), which was to consist of leading figures from industry and from government ministries. The Directing Collective is entrusted with the task of studying East German enterprises and research offices. The following are the leading personnel of the Directing Collective: 25X1

Chief - Karl Kunze, technical chief of Main Administration for Precision Mechanics and Optics 25X1
Deputy - Franke (fnu), deputy production chief of Main Administration RFT
Co-workers - Dr. Matthias Falter, development chief of VEB Dralowid, Teltow
Dr. Zapf (fnu), plant manager of VEBG Berlin
Stein (fnu), plant manager of VEB Medizintechnik Leipzig
Lautenbach (fnu-SED), plant manager of VEB RFT Funkwerk Zwenitz.

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3. The Directing Collective has under it four Work Collectives (Arbeitskollektive) which assist in carrying out the tasks assigned by the Central Committee to the Directing Collective. The Work Collectives do not have any special designation. The chief of one of the Work Collectives is Jens Peter Rehan, laboratory chief at VEB RFT Funkwerk Koepenick. The names of other persons in the Work Collectives were not ascertained.
4. The reason the Central Committee ordered the establishment of the Directing Collective is based on the extremely poor work done by East German plants and research offices. For instance, in 1954 50 million DME were made available to Main Administration RFT for developmental work. Development was only 44 percent completed, but 90 percent of the funds allocated was used. From 1950 to 1954, VEB Zeiss-Ikon Dresden was allocated about five million DME for the development of cameras, but during the entire period the plant was unable to produce even one usable type of camera. The Central Committee further discovered that in the precision-mechanics/optics sector of East German industry only 36 percent of the devices produced were of a quality good enough for export, and that in the electrotechnology sector only 8 percent of the devices produced could be exported.
5. The following are some of the East German plants and offices which are to be investigated:

Main Administration for Precision Mechanics and Optics

Main Administration RFT

The planning Referate of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAF) of the State Planning Commission.

VEB Zeiss-Ikon Dresden

VEB Geraete- und Regelwerk Teltow (formerly Askania)

VEB Drulowid Teltow

VEB Sachsenwerk Radeberg

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